

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Hearing Date: May 8, 2004

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Definitions

Section Affected: 1397.60

Specific Purpose of each adoption, amendment, or repeal:

To amend section 1397.60 to increase the number of hours allowed for distance learning from eight (8) hours to eighteen (18) hours.

Factual Basis/Rationale

Currently, distance learning can be used to meet no more than 22% (8 hours) of the continuing education required in each renewal cycle. This proposed regulation would increase that amount to 50% (18 hours). Distance learning courses must meet all standards of an approved continuing education course. Since the last amendment of section 1397.60, there has been an increasing number of approved providers who now offer a variety of courses available via the internet, CD-ROM, satellite downlink, home study, correspondence, etc., thereby allowing the licensee to accrue the mandatory continuing education in a more convenient manner.

Underlying Data

N/A

Business Impact

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses.

Specific Technologies or Equipment

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative to the regulation would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.